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ANNUAL REPORTS  
*of the*  
TREASURER, COLLECTOR, <sup>AND</sup> SELECTMEN  
*of the*  
TOWN—+OF+—LONDONDERRY,  
*Together with the Report of the*

◊ SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, ◊

*For the Year Ending,*  
MARCH, 1881.

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*E. B. Stoddard, Secretary.*

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Statement of the Company, January, 1, 1881.

Cash Surplus,	\$ 118,408.91
Reserve for Re-insurance fund & unpaid Divid' ds,	102,225.38
Total Cash Assets,	\$220,634.29

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—OF THE—

TREASURER, COLLECTOR, AND SELECTMEN

—OF THE—

TOWN of LONDONDERRY,

WITH THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH, 1881.



LONDONDERRY, N. H.:

*Chas. E. Copp, Printer.*

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# COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

			Dr.
To balance of taxes on list for 1877.....		\$10 40	
“ “ “ 1878.....		110 47	
“ “ “ 1879.....		2,530 10	
Amount “ “ 1880.....		8,420 20	
		—————	\$11,071 17

			Cr.
By paid town treasurer as follows:—			
Cash on list for 1877.....		\$7 65	
Resident highway tax in money for 1877		2 22	
“ “ in labor “		53	
Cash on list for 1878.....		34 72	
Abatements on list for 1878.....		2 83	
Resident highway tax in labor, 1878...		46 69	
Nonresident “ “ 1878...		19	
Cash on list for 1879.....		1,908 53	
Abatements for 1879.....		50 39	
Resident highway tax in money, 1879.		10 98	
“ “ in labor, 1879..		456 82	
Cash on list for 1880.....		5,024 15	
Discount on list for 1880.....		67 19	
Abatements on list for 1880.....		40 79	
Resident highway tax in money, 1880.		18 89	
“ “ “ labor, 1880..		900 00	
Nonresident “ “ “ “ ..		28 03	
Uncollected tax on list, 1878.....		26 64	
“ “ “ 1879.....		103 38	
“ “ “ 1880.....		2,341 15	
		—————	\$11,071 17

DANIEL G. ANNIS,

*Collector.*

## TREAS. REPORT.

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		Dr.
To cash on hand March 1, 1880.....	\$957 90	
Due from D. G. Annis, uncollected taxes	2,650 97	
Note in favor of town.....	80 92	
Res. list of town, county, state, and school tax.....	5,884 75	
Non-resident " " ".....	730 77	
Res. list school-house tax, Dist. No. 8..	98 37	
Non-resident " " " ..	5 34	
Res. list " " " 1..	106 45	
Non-resident " " " ..	4 57	
Res. highway tax.....	1,315 43	
Non-res. " .....	163 52	
Dog tax.....	111 00	
Surplus revenue fund.....	1,728 33	
Int. " " .....	75 09	
Cemetery ".....	1006 67	
Int. " ".....	45 00	
Library ".....	1,648 33	
Int. library fund.....	95 93	
Int. on cash in treasury.....	8 33	
Cash rec'd. from state, rail road tax....	354 88	
savings bank tax ....	1,668 39	
literary fund.....	95 09	
bounties on hawks ...	6 60	
R. C. Mack, town house	22 00	
John Fling, "	30 00	
county, sup'rt of paupers	183 09	
D. G. Annis, Int. on taxes	63 51	
	—————	\$19,146 23



		Cr.
By paid selectmen's order.....	\$ 11,443 40	
Surplus revenue fund an hand....	1,728 33	
Cemetery fund on hand.....	1,000 00	
Library fund on hand.....	1,247 00	
J. C. Town's note.....	80 92	
Due from D. G. Annis, uncollected taxes.....	2,471 17	
Cash in treasury.....	1,175 41	
	—————	\$19,146 23

WASHINGTON PERKINS,

*Treasurer.*

## LEACH LIBRARY FUND.

Amount on hand March 1, 1880.....	\$ 1,648 33	
Interest received.....	95 09	
	—————	\$ 1,743 42
Paid trustees, amount expended.....		496 42
Amount on hand.....		\$ 1,247 00

WASHINGTON PERKINS,

*Treasurer.*

## Librarians' Report.

Amt. received for catalogues at library	\$ 5 60	
"    "    "    at branch	90	
Total	—————	\$ 6 50
Rec'd. for fines at library.....	7 81	
"    "    branch.....	1 08	
Total	—————	\$ 8 89

ROBERT C. MACK,

JAMES W. MACKAY,

*Librarians.*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax.....	\$1,572 00
county tax.....	2,349 90
	<hr/> \$3,921 90

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### SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1.....	\$ 246 30
2.....	226 92
3.....	91 09
4.....	138 44
5.....	133 13
6.....	174 61
7.....	199 61
8.....	235 93
9.....	89 44
10.....	27 47
	<hr/> \$1,562 94

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### SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid C. S. Pillsbury, District No. 1.....	106 00
Charles R. Frost, District No. 8....	100 00
	<hr/> \$ 206 00

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid E. L. Campbell.....	\$1 50	
Silas T. Towns.....	2 25	
G. W. Cutler.....	5 00	
G. W. Boyce.....	1 25	
John March.....	1 80	
C. K. Titecomb.....	12 50	
D. C. Hill.....	1 50	
J. P. O'Sullivan.....	17	
R. L. Pettengill.....	2 50	
John McClary.....	17 50	
W. P. Richardson, lumber.....	21 18	
D. C. Hill, spikes.....	26	
Owen Hinckley.....	6 00	
I. M. Young, heirs.....	11 06	
F. S. Crowell.....	3 90	
		<hr/> \$88 37

NEW ROAD. (*Sand Hill.*)

Paid J. M. & G. W. Platts, land damage....	\$87 50	
W. G. Hardy, stone for bridge.....	2 50	
George Estey, labor.....	10 00	
Owen Hinckley, labor.....	7 00	
John McClary, labor.....	27 50	
Simon Mullins, use of drag.....	1 00	
		<hr/> \$135 50

## WINTER ROADS.

Paid John Blood.....	1 19
Frank F. Boyd.....	1 80
Albert Tenney.....	1 20
Isaac S. Dickey.....	4 95
Enoch Parshley.....	2 10
Daniel D. Smith.....	10 34
John Remington.....	2 25
William Brosnan.....	2 55
C. M. Watts.....	3 00
G. W. Cutler.....	6 00

## WINTER ROADS. (Continued.)

Paid C. R. Clark .....	\$8 60
Warren Richardson .....	5 90
G. F. C. Trask .....	2 70
S. P. Robie .....	7 85
W. E. Hardy .....	4 43
O. B. Stokes .....	3 00
F. C. Watts .....	1 80
J. H. S. Goodwin .....	2 93
Henry Crowell .....	6 40
Stephen A. Estey .....	2 36
M. Dickey .....	5 00
T. & C. W. Boyd .....	12 92
Levi E. Cross .....	5 70
Charles E. Young .....	3 00
I. G. Adams .....	5 47
Josiah Goodwin .....	22 73
Frank S. Crowell .....	2 25
A. S. Ladd .....	1 50
George E. Anderson .....	7 12
	————— \$147 04

## TOWN POOR

Paid Aaron Jackson, support of Emma	-
Jackson at Insane Asylum .....	\$120 00
D. H. Burns, supplies for N. Burnham ..	41 62
J. A. Moore,           "           "           " ..	24 12
Eugene Wason, medicine           "           " ..	2 00
C. Adams, coffin           "           " ..	12 00
Clara M. Boyce, support of A. Goodwin ..	91 00
Sarah H. Lawrence,   "   C. Hovey .....	50 00
John Cudworth, support of Katie .....	39 00
	————— \$ 379 74

## COUNTY POOR.

Paid Violet Nichols, support of J. Barret...	6 00
E. Boyson .....	5 39

D. H. Burns, supplies for Boyson.....	6 00	
J. W. Rattray, " " .....	35 00	
G. S. Rollins, shoes for " .....	1 75	
G. W. Boyce, supplies for J. Dotey....	37 45	
J. W. Mackay " " .....	13 00	
D.G.&R. Annis, " Mrs. J. Nichols	3 00	
Eugene Wason, Med. attend. " .....	12 50	
" " " Co. paupers	14 50	
W. E. Hardy, care of W. Stockwell....	18 00	
Hannah Nichols, board of same.....	6 00	
E. Follansbee, support of Mrs. Caldwell	39 00	
C. A. Lawson, wood for J. Dotey.....	3 25	
	————	\$200 84

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TRANSIENT POOR.

Paid Owen Hinckley.....	\$0 50	
	————	\$0 50

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DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid J. W. Greeley.....	\$5 00	
	————	\$5 00

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DISCOUNT.

Paid Daniel G. Annis.....	\$67 19	
	————	\$67 19

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BURYING GROUNDS.

Paid W. B. Wetherbee, care of hearse and cutting bushes, 1879, at North.....	4 00	
Charles E. Willey, cutting bushes 1880 in same .....	4 00	
	————	\$8 00

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ABATEMENTS.

Paid D. G. Annis on list of 1878.....	2 83	
D. G. Annis on list of 1879.....	50 39	
D. G. Annis on list of 1880.....	40 79	
	————	\$94 01

## HIGHWAY TAX.

Non-resident highway tax, paid in labor	\$ 28 22
Resident " " " 1877	53
" " " " 1878	46 09
" " " " 1879	456 82
" " " " 1880	900 00
	<hr/> \$1,431 66

## \* TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid William Clark, Supervisor	\$ 27 00
G. W. Boyce " "	14 00
S. P. Robie " "	13 50
W. S. Pillsbury, moderator	3 00
A. M. Corning " "	5 00
D. G. Annis, town clerk	25 00
D. G. Annis, collector	85 00
John Dickey, school committee	50 00
R. C. Mack, librarian	45 00
G. W. Boyce, " "	14 58
Washington Perkins, treasurer	20 00
S. D. Smith, selectman	13 75
A. J. Benson, " "	8 00
J. H. Burbank, " "	74 55
Owen Hinckley " "	66 80
Jonathan McAllister, Auditor	2 00
Simon Mullins, " "	2 00
Charles S. Pillsbury " "	2 00
	<hr/> \$471 18

## INTEREST.

Paid G. N. Plummer	25 00
J. McAllister	37 50
R. C. Mack	10 00
Frances A. Mack	10 00
W. Perkins, parish treasurer	244 58
	<hr/> \$327 08

## BONDS PAID.

Paid W. Perkins, parish treasurer	\$1,500 00
	<hr/> \$1,500 00

\* Jonathan Savo's bill has not been presented.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Charles E. Copp, library printing.....	\$75 50
Charles E. Copp, printing town reports	36 80
C. M. Edgerly, insurance on town house and Leach library.....	114 00
W. Perkins, books for Leach library....	496 42
Mrs. J. A. Moar, care town house key...	1 50
J. W. Greeley, committee on plan for town house.....	1 75
J. S. Roach for same.....	1 75
Dr. E. Wason, record of births and deaths	5 25
Marseilles & Morrill, printing.....	2 70
Temple & Farrington, stationery.....	7 50
G. F. McGregor, damage from defect in highway.....	10 00
C. O. Buttrick, taking Boyson to Co. farm..	3 50
C. S. Pillsbury, taking affidavit.....	75
C. S. Pillsbury, work for town.....	7 00
S. D. Smith, books for indigent child'n...	2 12
L. Boles, treasurer, two thirds interest of Leach Cemetery Fund.....	34 45
W. Perkins, expenses to Concord to settle state tax.....	3 00
Owen Hinckley, bounty on hawks.....	6 60
J. B. Clark, printing.....	4 50
W. Clark, taking paupers to Co. farm...	3 00
D. A. Simmons, chandelier.....	13 00
D. W. Ela, damage to plow.....	5 00
R. C. Mack, janitor.....	11 00
R. C. Mack, wood and oil.....	5 44
R. C. Mack, curtains, fixtures, & c. for library.....	7 07
Jona. McAllister, wood for town house..	11 85
R. C. Mack, freighting books from depot. arranging and making catalogue.....	25 00
	————— \$896 45

## RECAPITULATION.

State and county taxes.....	§ 3,921 90
Schools.....	1,562 94
School-house taxes.....	206 00
Roads and bridges.....	88 37
New roads.....	135 50
Winter roads.....	147 04
Town poor.....	379 74
County poor.....	200 84
Transient poor.....	50
Discount.....	67 19
Damage to sheep by dogs.....	5 00
Burying grounds.....	8 00
Abatements.....	94 01
Highway tax, in <sup>d</sup> labor.....	1,431 66
Town officers.....	471 18
Interest.....	327 08
Bonds paid.....	1,500 00
Miscellaneous.....	896 45
	—————§11,443 40

Londonderry, March 1, 1881.

This certifies that we have this day audited the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Jonathan McAllister,  
 Simon Mullins,  
 Charles S. Pillsbury,  
*Auditors.*



## TOWN BALANCE SHEET.

To bonds payable.....	\$ 5,000 00	Dr.
	—————	\$5,000 00
		Cr.
By uncollected taxes on D. G. Annis' lists, exclusive of highway and dog tax...	\$ 1,908 00	
J. C. Towns' note.....	80 92	
Cash in treasury.....	1,175 41	
Surplus revenue.....	1,728 33	
Balance and debt of town.....	107 34	
	—————	\$5 000 00
Reduction of debt during the year, \$1,542 34		

JOHN H. BURBANK.

OWEN HINCKLEY,

*Selectmen of Londonderry.*

## TRUSTEES OF LEACH LIBRARY.

William S. Pillsbury, President.

Eugene Wason, Secretary,

Joseph L. Day,

Charles S. Pillsbury,

Cyrus O. Buttrick,

Lucien H. Nesmith,

John S. Furber,

Washington Perkins,

James M. Platts.



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REPORT  
—OF THE—  
*SUPERINTENDING*



SCHOOL & COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1881.

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INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term was taught by MISS MARTHA J. BOYD. Miss Boyd's long and successful experience in schools of a higher order warranted the prediction that none of a teacher's duties would be left undone. The scholars were not only taught with precision and correctness, but governed with a steady hand that yielded to all their real interests but not to their whims and caprices. Play and idleness and whispering were in no case allowed to take the place of study. They accepted the situation, gave their time submissively to their proper duties, and under the direction of their excellent teacher made the school one of the most profitable in town.

## THE WINTER TERM

was taught by MISS MARY F. HAZELTON.

With good scholarship, and other apparent qualifications, she seemed well fitted for the situation and worthy the respect and obedience of those under her care. Good judgment was manifest in the arrangement of classes and the general order of exercises. The last examination brought out some good classes, notably one in grammar and others in geography. While a considerable portion of the scholars deserve commendation for their diligence and respectful demeanor and consequent good proficiency, the few who made themselves conspicuous in the known violation of rules, and overturning, so far as possible, the indispensable good order of the school room, should be made to feel that however much they may despise and misimprove their own privileges, their school-mates, who have a desire to improve and possess a decent sense of self-respect, ought to be allowed to pursue their way undisturbed in the use of those means that have been so wisely and so generously provided.

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 DISTRICT No. 2,

The summer and fall terms were taught by MISS NELLIE L. WALLACE, and the winter term is now in session under the charge of MESS NELLIE O. ROBIE. The latter term has had no formal examination, but it is believed that all the terms may be spoken of together as about equally profitable. Teachers who know the character of the school may well esteem it a matter of good fortune if their services are accepted for a term or more in this district; for their time is likely to be spent in the company of intelligent and well-bred scholars; while, on the other hand, the parents of the district are probably not insensible to their own good luck in the employment of teachers for the past year, who, though not many years since were both members of the same school, have gone steadily forward in the performance of their duties, exhibiting rare faithfulness and gaining more and more the esteem and good will of their pupils. It is needless to say, perhaps, that the school has prospered in all its terms.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

MISS NELLIE O. MOORE, teacher. It will be noticed that but seventeen weeks, scarce a third part of the year, was given the children of this district to attend the public school. It is acknowledged that there may be such a thing as a surfeit of schooling, but it is much to be regretted that the children of any community should be obliged to content themselves with eighty-four days attendance at the common school, out of the three hundred and twelve week days of the year. While more of the public money is not attainable, the citizens of this district could not do a more creditable or worthy act in the future than to provide for a private school as a supplement to one or more of the public terms. There is no want of capacity in the school. Many of the scholars are instinctively inclined to learn without urging, and, with generous privileges, would take a high rank. Good improvement was made, especially in arithmetic and geography; although in the former branch the scholars had assumed to place themselves in too many classes. Reading will bear still more attention, although there was evidence at the close of the last term of a good deal of progress in that direction. The teacher was energetic in the performance of her duties, and decidedly popular in the district. The names of five scholars on the roll of honor for the first term and seven for the second, and the names of nine scholars who had not whispered, preserved in the register, attest to their interest in the school as well as their disposition to comply with its discipline.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

The summer term was taught by MISS ANNIE M. PUTNAM. The teacher proved herself faithful in the discharge of her duty and persistent in carrying out her plans. Her method of handling her classes in Grammar was admirable. With more experience and a judicious application of her talent for teaching, she may acquire an enviable reputation. Her ways of governing are mild. The exercise of a sterner discipline would be an improvement. But her pupils were respectful and it was found at the examination that the term had been one of rather more than ordinary profit.

The winter term was taught by MR. JOHN W. CENTER.

The first classes in Grammar, Geography, and Arithmetic consisted of the same scholars, with some exceptions, the most of them having been through the text books of those branches.

As to advancement, they are equal to any in town. For promptness and distinctness of answering they are superior. The same scholars constituted the first class in reading, and with the exception of a few instances of violent speed, deserve the credit that can be awarded to but few classes, even in the Fifth Reader.

The conduct of the older scholars was such as to reflect much credit on their sense of propriety. Some of the younger boys and girls made things rather more lively than was necessary by their endless asking of questions, and pretended seeking of information that they did not want. The teacher was dignified in his manners, possessed all the requisites of scholarship, and required strictly correct recitations by his pupils, giving at the same time the largest liberty consistent with good order.

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#### DISTRICT No. 5.

MISS ANNIE S. GAGE, teacher. Miss Gage's method of conducting matters in the school room is approved without criticism. The magnetic influence of her mild and graceful manner was apparent in the conduct of her scholars. The ordinary friction arising from scolding and recrimination and the various jars incident to impetuous haste were avoided altogether. Of the small number of scholars in attendance, classes were heard in Grammar and Geography, especially advanced, and other classes quite up to the ordinary standard. Penmanship, apparently despised by some teachers, was practically taught here, and the short original composition found in every writing book, at the close of school, suggested the teacher's efforts to combine the rules of penmanship with those of syntax.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

MISS ETTA M. YOUNG, teacher. The largest Grammar class found in any individual school was exhibited and examined here, and the teacher, knowing well how to instruct in that branch,



made the subject attractive, and the class a true representation of what may be accomplished by a skillful teacher with scholars having their ears open to oral instruction and willing to learn from illustrations on the black-board, and otherwise, the first principles of the language. A class in U. S. History recited very intelligently by topics. The teacher was abundant in resources and used them generously to make the school lively and progressive. The dullness and languor sometimes seen was entirely avoided, for every scholar had something to do. There was no instance of corporal punishment, nor any occasion for it. Overt acts of disobedience were few, and the whispering department very small indeed.

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#### DISTRICT No. 7.

MISS BELL D. MCGREGOR, teacher. The first and second terms were but six weeks each— a space of time in which scholars can hardly be expected to complete anything, or do any great amount of profitable work. The third term equalled both the others in length and it was noticeable that the scholars had made proficiency in a still larger ratio. The length of the term had enabled them to take in a larger portion of their text-books, and review, and thus to gain a more complete and rounded knowledge of each of their studies. The teacher was most fortunate in gaining the confidence of her pupils in the beginning, which continued and rather increased to the end. It was thus a comparatively easy thing for her to maintain the good order that uniformly prevailed. The last examination was made interesting by prompt recitations, more especially the classes in Geography and U. S. History and one of very small scholars in mental arithmetic. A generous show of rhetorical performances closed the exercises of the day.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

The summer term was taught by MISS ORTIE M. SMITH, and MISS BELLE D. MCGREGOR sandwiched the fall term between her fall and winter terms in district No. 7, making thirty-two weeks of school service with which she is justly credited. Both teachers performed their duties with conscientious fidelity. The scholars are not especially advanced, but habits of diligence and thoroughness were inculcated to such an extent that a marked degree of proficiency had been made in nearly all the branches. Neither term was long, but each was closed with an interesting examination, carried out in a lively manner, interlined with spicy rhetorical exercises.

The winter term, just closed, was in charge of MR. IRA W. HOLT.

Mr. Holt's thoroughness in the branches was only equalled by his activity and industry. He exacted, not only correct statements of his pupils in their recitations, but a clear knowledge of details. His system of management was such that nothing was allowed to come in the way of study during school hours. Whispering was abolished not only in name, but in fact. The loud buzzing of the lips in study was deemed unnecessary, as well as disturbing in its influence, and was also put under the ban. Some attention was paid to the position of the scholars in their seats, to decent manners, and a system of orderly deportment in going out and coming in. Before the close of school good conduct became a second nature, and, to all appearances at the examination, the scholars rather liked it: for, a more attentive, quiet, and respectful school we have not examined. With such discipline, proficiency is almost a matter of course. At the examination the scholars were not only able to recite with remarkable precision, but were seldom at a loss for explanations. The whole number of scholars was nineteen, and it is encouraging that an average of sixteen had the fortitude to brave the snow drifts for twelve weeks of, mostly, inclement weather.

Under "Remarks and Suggestions," page 8, after line 10, insert the word Preparation.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

MISS IDA F. PLATTS, teacher. The school was composed of thirteen scholars in the summer and eight of the same in the winter. Only three were over ten years of age. Two are from the Derry portion of the district, so that we can count but eleven to the credit of our town. It is at present one of the two *very* small schools, and were it not for the very creditable disposition of the scholars to excel, the routine of school work would be any thing but lively. As it was, however, their keen ambition combined with the assiduous labors of the teacher made the examination quite animated. The teacher evinced a good deal of ingenuity in introducing matters interesting to her pupils, thus avoiding the dulness incident to so small a school. A class of enterprising small scholars were striving with all their might, and with a good deal of success, to become masters of their text books in Geography. A great help to such a class, and to the teacher as well, would be a set of outline maps on the walls of the school room, costing but a trifle to each member of the district.

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#### DISTRICT No. 10.

This school under the supervision of the Derry School Committee was taught throughout the year by MISS NELLIE S. DICKEY. Five scholars are reported as having attended from Londonderry. It should be mentioned to their credit that for several years past three fifths of them have been perfect in attendance at one or more terms of each year.

## REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS.

OUR SCHOOLS have been taught the past year by females, with the exception of two winter terms. It would be just to say that the teachers, in the main, have been fairly educated, and a large portion of them possessed of a natural temperament, suitable for the work. In many cases a faithfulness has been manifest which could be but meagrely repaid by the dollars and cents of their wages. As a class, those who have an ambitious desire to prepare themselves for the best work in teaching, are among our noblest minds, and deserve a large measure of public as well as private encouragement, because, in making this, however much they may benefit themselves, the result of their efforts is felt for good in whatever community they may be called to labor. It needs no argument to show that we can never have schools of the highest order without correct and well prepared teachers. The idea is not to be harbored for a moment, that the child will learn to be correct in the sciences while the teacher is herself a bundle of errors. But while the few fail from their ignorance of the very text they are called upon to teach, the failure of the greater portion arises from improper or insufficient methods, or it may be termed a want of skill in the business. The person who attempts to teach, though possessing the very best stock of knowledge, yet lacking the skill to apply it, runs a very great risk of failure. A combination of the two qualities is indispensable: and, all who aspire to teach should make as strong and determined effort to acquire the skill as the knowledge. To furnish facilities for this acquisition, the Normal School is established. If it performs the work for which it is intended, it is certainly an institution of no small importance, and ought to receive the patronage of all presuming to teach, as well as the encouragement of the state. If it rightly serves the purpose of training young men and women for the specific duties of the school room, it is certainly in the highest degree desirable that those now coming on to the stage of action should avail themselves of its advantages. A teacher who does not aim to be first, or among the first in her vocation, should by no means enter it. Any lower aim would signify failure.

## TO REACH THE POST OF HONOR

there is absolute need of making use of all the means attainable. It would seem to be about as reasonable that the young graduate should take a course in the study of methods and tactics in teaching, before commencing to practice, as that the young aspirant for the law, fresh from Dartmouth or Harvard, should be schooled in the art of making an application of his knowledge in the office of some eminent lawyer, before being admitted to the bar. For who will say that those who are to teach our youth in the rudiments of an education and in some measure shape their destinies, and through them the welfare of the community, should have a less thorough preparation, in every respect, than those who are to give us legal counsel or plead for us in courts of law. It is for the reason that we need the very *best*, and not the merely passable, that those proposing to make teaching an occupation, whether male or female, are urged to avail themselves of the benefits of our own State Normal School or some other, offering the same or better facilities for the practical training of teachers. For unless they keep themselves abreast of the times in all essential qualifications, our schools will fail to advance in character and efficiency as they ought: and there is certainly no need that they should fail for such a reason. While it is urged upon teachers to leave no stone unturned in their own preparation, and upon committees to be diligent and wary in seeking for the best, and while this may be done to an extent beyond criticism, there will remain numerous ways open which endanger success, for which neither teachers or committees are accountable.

## ONE RECKLESS BOY OR WANTON GIRL

if disposed to act out an inherent spirit of lawlessness, or to bring the habits of the street loiterer into the school room, may cramp the energies and weaken the influence of the most accomplished teacher that the wisest committee man may have placed in the school room. Although it may seem strange that any scholar can be so thoughtless or base, it is quite unaccountable that parents should wink at such crimes and pass them over without calling their children to the strictest account.

## ANOTHER OPEN DOOR TO IGNORANCE,

in spite of good teachers, is non attendance, That scholars may be absent from school and yet enjoy its benefits is not a supposable case. The astonishing roll of absences in the last column of the table, demonstrates a very large and unnecessary waste. We are thankful it is no worse, however, in view of the severity of the weather during the past winter and the fact that the number is no greater in the aggregate than in former years.

No change has been made in school books during the past year, except to introduce Harvey's Series of Grammars in the place of Quackenbos' and Swinton's Language Lessons, heretofore used. The new books were introduced during the summer and fall terms, and the good results thus far have fully met the expectation of the committee. They are universally commended by teachers while more interest has been taken by those attending to that branch, and more progress made than had been previously the case with the old books. A supply to those needing them in the future may always be found at Temple and Farrington's Bookstore in Manchester.

As the list herewith printed comprises, undoubtedly, the text books as well adapted to the present wants of our schools as any published, it is hoped that the efforts of the committee for the strictest uniformity will be assisted by all having an interest in the schools.

## IT WILL BE NOTICED BY ANY ONE

taking pains to examine, that our schools are not increasing in numbers but rather diminishing. Our returns show but about half as many as were reported a quarter of a century ago.

Some of our larger school houses present almost a deserted aspect. Where one could on almost any fair day, in term time, count three or four score, he would at the present day be puzzled to find twenty-five scholars. Two of the schools report an average of barely eight scholars each, scarcely a sufficient number to excite a wholesome rivalry. We may not be able to remedy the evil by increasing the numbers, but we cannot afford to neglect even the smallest of them. Excellent teachers have been sought out and supplied for some of our smallest schools. This is right, and it is a pleas-

ure to say that they have in a great measure supplied the want of the stimulating influence of numbers, by their own enthusiasm, with even no more than a half score of pupils.

The fact that our schools have, in the aggregate, grown smaller by one half within the last twenty years, may not be encouraging, but it is far from a reason why we should relax any effort to sustain them or make their quality better, even if the process of diminishing should go on to a much greater extent.

Every boy and girl, rich or poor, though he or she be the lone scholar of the district, is entitled not only to the formalities of a school but to that which gives the school much of its value, the voluntary supply of means and appliances for doing the routine work to the best advantage, supplemented by the sympathy, good will and encouragement of the community.

JOHN DICKEY,  
*Superintending School Committee.*

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#### LIST OF TEXT BOOKS AUTHORIZED.

Bible Hilliard's Franklin Readers, Warren's Geographies, Harvey's Grammars, Greenleaf's New Practical Arithmetic, Colburn's and Emerson's Mental Arithmetics, Worcester's Speller, Duplex Copy Book, Campbell's U. S. History.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars perfect in attendance through two terms of school:—

### DISTRICT No. 1.

<i>Frances V. Carleton,</i>	<i>Emma E. Fling,</i>
<i>Mary E. Young.</i>	

### DISTRICT No. 2.

<i>Mabel E. Buttrick,</i>	<i>Laura B. Towns,</i>
<i>Alice M. Cross,</i>	<i>Charles W. Adams,</i>
<i>Mary L. Tyson,</i>	<i>*Harry W. Wallace.</i>

### DISTRICT No. 3.

<i>Freeman L. Herrick,</i>	<i>Willie Whitehead.</i>
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### DISTRICT No. 5.

<i>Hattie E. Thompson,</i>	<i>Willie A. Butterworth,</i>
<i>James E. Hunttee.</i>	

### DISTRICT No. 6.

<i>Sadie F. Wheeler,</i>	<i>*Grace L. Corning,</i>
<i>Ella F. Boyce,</i>	<i>Ernest M. Watts,</i>
<i>Annie F. Smith,</i>	<i>Walter J. Watts,</i>
<i>Georgie Corning,</i>	<i>Clarence O. Watts,</i>
<i>Myrtie S. Smith,</i>	<i>Fred P. Corning,</i>
<i>Evelyn M. Wheeler,</i>	<i>*Nathan P. Watts,</i>

### DISTRICT No. 7.

<i>Annie L. Barker,</i>	<i>George M. Pettengill.</i>
<i>Myra F. Boyce,</i>	<i>*Fred Turcotte,</i>
<i>*Luther L. Wheeler,</i>	<i>Fred D. McGregor,</i>
<i>*Sam A. McGregor.</i>	

### DISTRICT No. 8.

<i>Sarah Hattie Floyd,</i>	<i>Adella A. Goodwin.</i>
<i>Rosetta M. Webster,</i>	<i>John S. Annis.</i>

### DISTRICT No. 10.

<i>Hattie L. Hayes,</i>	<i>Anna P. Lincoln.</i>
<i>Ida A. Parsley,</i>	

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\*Perfect in three terms.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars perfect in attendance one term.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

<i>Effie M. Gilcreast,</i>	<i>Osmond E. Corthell,</i>
<i>Maggie A. Poff,</i>	<i>Everett G. Corthell,</i>
<i>Willie G. Eaton,</i>	<i>William D. Yeung.</i>

### DISTRICT No. 2.

<i>Carrie A. Buttrick,</i>	<i>Pliny M. Campbell,</i>
<i>Maud E. Campbell,</i>	<i>George W. Wallace,</i>
<i>Fannie A. Tyson,</i>	<i>Arley A. Lowd,</i>
<i>Ida A. Lowd,</i>	<i>Charlie W. Tyson,</i>
<i>Annie B. Mack,</i>	<i>Talbot Buttrick,</i>
<i>Martin E. Anderson,</i>	<i>Frank E. Robie.</i>

### DISTRICT No. 3.

<i>Flora Greeley,</i>	<i>Mattie E. Farnum,</i>
<i>Mary Mottram,</i>	<i>Sarah J. Blood,</i>
<i>Martha L. Dooley,</i>	<i>Mary E. Blood.</i>

### DISTRICT No. 4.

<i>Eliza M. Annis,</i>	<i>Eddie C. Annis.</i>
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### DISTRICT No. 6.

<i>Caddie A. Smith,</i>	<i>Charles E Colby,</i>
<i>Delia A. Watts,</i>	<i>Frank A. Nesmith,</i>
<i>Martha L. Watts,</i>	<i>Charles H. Wheeler,</i>
<i>Nellie M. Watts,</i>	<i>George M. Mullins,</i>
<i>Oliva A. Watts,</i>	<i>Leo Parker Watts.</i>
<i>Georgie Corning,</i>	

### DISTRICT No. 7.

<i>Annie R. Boyce,</i>	<i>Belle White,</i>
<i>Sarah Richardson,</i>	<i>Hattie E. Mackay,</i>
<i>Edith M. Whidden,</i>	<i>Katie B. Stevens,</i>
<i>Mary Etta Smith,</i>	<i>Eugene M. Chase,</i>
<i>Nellie M. Whidden,</i>	<i>George M. Pettengill,</i>
<i>Emma N. Smith,</i>	<i>Eugene M. Doty.</i>
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\*Perfect in three terms.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

*Mary A. McKinney,*  
*Clarence A. Webster,*  
*Frank J. Whidden.*

*John Whidden,*  
*George G. Tobie.*

## DISTRICT No. 9.

*Herbert F. Tibbets,*

*Freddie E. Garvin.*

## DISTRICT No. 10.

*Frank Parshley.*

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Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen reported by the selectmen in April, 1880.	152
Number of boys.....	94
Number of girls.....	68
Amount of Literary Fund applied to schools.....	\$100 64
Amount of Dog tax applied to schools.....	86 80
Amount raised by tax for schools.....	1,375 50
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	\$1,562 94
Proceeds of Adams Fund, district No 8.....	20 00
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	\$1,582 94

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of district.	Prudential Committee.	Whole No. of scholars.	Whole No. first term.	Whole No. second term.	Whole No. third term.	Average first term.	Average second term.	Average third term.	Wages per mo.—first term.	Wages per mo.—second term.	Wages per mo.—third term.	Length of first term in weeks.	Length of second term in weeks.	Length of third term in weeks.	Amt. of money rec'd from the town by each district.	Amount per scholar.	No. whole days absence.
1	D. Willis Ela.....	33	25	25	19	17	20	16	30	30	30	8	10	9	246 30	7 46	242
2	William P. Wallace.	31	24	23	29	23	21	24	23	24	26	9	10	13	226 02	8 28	238
3	Albert Titcomb.....	18	16	18		15	13		20	20		8	9		91 09	5 06	119
4	Mrs. B. F. Whorff..	31	25	25		21	20		23	30		8	11		138 44	4 46	152
5	William Huntce.....	14	8	14		7	9		22	22		8	14		133 13	9 70	126
6	Daniel D. Smith.....	36	29	27	31	25	24	25	26	26	26	8	8	8	174 01	4 35	218
7	Orin B. Stokes.....	33	27	26	24	24	23	22	27	27	29	6	6	12	199 61	6 04	213
8	Charles R. Frost....	25	27	23	19	24	22	16	25	24	33	9	9	12	235 13	8 42	335
9	George W. Platts....	11	13	8		10	6		20	20		10	13		89 44	8 13	32
10	Mrs. Emily A. Clark	5	5	5		5	5		25			9	11		27 47	5 49	4

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEACH LIBRARY.

MARCH 1, 1881.

The Library was open for the delivery of books Feb. 25, 1880.

During the past year about four hundred books were added by purchase and gift, making the whole number of volumes now belonging to the Library about 1550. In May of last year the books numbering from 1 to 350, inclusive, were put in charge of G. W. Boyce, Librarian of the Branch Library at North Londonderry; and in Jan. of this year one hundred more, numbering 600 to 699 were added to the Branch, then in charge of James W. Mackay, Esq. who received appointment as Librarian upon the removal of Mr. Boyce from town.

Very great interest has been manifested in the success of the Library by most of our people, as the subjoined statements of the Librarians will abundantly prove.

Number of cards issued from main Library to readers during the year,.....	394
Number of cards from Branch Library,.....	211
Whole number in town,.....	605
Number of books taken from Library,.....	5718
Average per week,.....	110
Number of books taken from Branch in ten months,.....	2678
Average per week,.....	62
Whole number taken from the Library during the year, and from Branch, ten months,.....	8396

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge donations of books from the following named persons:—

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